The details regarding release of loan towards housing for the poor during the period are as under:

Loan released by HUDCO

(*Rs. in crore*)

Year	For EWS	For LIG	VAMBAY	Night Shelter
2002-2003	13.33	0.32	5.29	1.90
2003-2004	5.74	2.81	3.69	0.41
2004-2005	8.20	0.82	Nil	1.81

No loan was sanctioned by HUDCO during the period for construction of roads and bridges in Chhattisgarh.

Construction of Night Shelters

1567. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of the persons sleeping on pavements in Delhi, Maharashtra and other States;

(b) the number of composite night shelters with community toilets and baths for urban shelterless constructed in Delhi and Maharashtra under the "Night Shelter for Urban Shelterless" scheme during last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government provide 50 per cent grant of the cost of construction;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount provided by Government to various States under the scheme so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) A statement showing State-wise number of homeless persons living in urban areas is at Statement I (*See* below).

(b) This scheme was a demand driven one depending upon the proposals mooted by the State Governments/implementing agencies.

Under this scheme, no proposal for construction of composite night shelter for Delhi and Maharashtra has been sanctioned during the last 5 years. However, 4 proposals under the Pay & Use Toilets component of pre-revised Scheme for "Shelter & Sanitation Facilities for Footpath Dwellers" were sanctioned for Maharashtra during 2000-01.

(c) to (e) Under this scheme, Central subsidy was being released to the extent of 50% of the cost of construction subject to the cost ceiling of Rs. 20,000/- per bed for night shelter. The scheme stands discontinued as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme from 1.4.2005. A Statement showing State-wise release of Central subsidy under this scheme so far is at Statement II.

Statement-I

State-wise number of homeless persons living in urban areas

State	Number of Homeless persons in urban areas
Andaman Nicobar	164
Andhra Pradesh	66837
Arunachal Pradesh	82
Assam	2366
Bihar	12730
Chandigarh	2681
Chhattisgarh	6214
Delhi	23903

State	Number of Homeless persons in urban areas
Dadar Nagar Haveli	210
Daman & Diu	412
Gujarat	72095
Goa	2289
Himachal Pradesh	1317
Haryana	23976
Jharkhand	3889
Jammu & Kashmir	2622
Karnataka	40328
Kerala	7437
Meghalaya	183
Maharashtra	104512
Manipur	372
Madhya Pradesh	61870
Mizoram	263
Nagaland	748
Orissa	11832
Punjab	23409
Pondicherry	1468
Rajasthan	55361
Sikkim	58
Tamil Nadu	57128
Tripura	187
Uttar Pradesh	96642
Uttaranchal	3935
West Bengal	90809

Statement-II

State-wise central subsidy released under Night Shelter scheme for Urban Shelterless since its inception upto 31.3.2005

States	*(Rs. in Lakhs)*
Andaman Nicobar	0.00
Andhra Pradesh	23.38
Arunachal Pradesh	0.00
Assam	0.00
Bihar	18.22
Chandigarh	4.74
Chhattisgarh	631.35
Delhi	0.00
Dadar Nagar Haveli	0.00
Gujarat	0.00
Goa, Daman Diu	0.00
Himachal Pradesh	0.00
Haryana	0.00
Jharkhand	19.74
Jammu & Kashmir	0.00
Karnataka	17.50
Kerala	3.58
Lakshadweep	0.00
Meghalaya	0.00
Maharashtra	723.45
Manipur	0.00
Madhya Pradesh	409.37

States	(*Rs. in Lakhs*)
Mizoram	0.00
Nagaland	0.00
Orissa	15.67
Punjab	0.00
Pondicherry	0.00
Rajasthan	97.43
Sikkim	0.00
Tamil Nadu	1.50
Tripura	0.00
Uttar Pradesh	11.97
West Bengal	2.10
TOTAL:	1980.00

National action plan for total eradication of manual scavenging

1568. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the National Action Plan for Total eradication of Manual Scavenging by 2007;

(b) whether the scheme is going to be operated in a persuasive mode or would strict penal actions be taken against those who are found to be indulging in operation of manual scavengers and thereby hampering their rehabilitation exercise; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The salient features of the National Action Plan for Total Eradication of Manual Scavenging by 2007 are:—

(i) Identification of manual scavengers.